Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 248535

64
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66616
DRAFTED BY NEA/ERABPNGTON
APPROVED BY NEA/ERABINGTON
S/S-O:PJOHNSON
---------- 044878
O 192228Z OCT 75 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 248535

NODIS
EYES ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 16045 ACTION DAMASCUS INFO SECSTATE
DATED 19 OCT 75
QUOTE
S E C R E T SECTO 16045
NODIS
E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO PRESIDENT ASAD

SECRET SECTO 16045

FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO PRESIDENT ASAD.
2. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: PRESIDENT
FORD HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ON
THE SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE MEETING IN EUROPE IN
MID-NOVEMBER. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT
AND TONE OF YOUR MESSAGE. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND
THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH LIE BEHIND YOUR DECISION,
WE DO REGRET IT. AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR PAST
DISCUSSIONS WE CONSIDER UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 248535

BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE UNITED STATES ESSENTIAL TO THE

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS TO HELP ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE
SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. PRESIDENT FORD REMAINS
DEDICATED TO THIS OBJECTIVE AND WOULD VERY MUCH HAVE LIKED
TO HAVE TALKS WITH YOU AT THIS TIME ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED.
AS I WROTE YOU IN MY LAST LETTER I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU
WOULD HAVE FOUND OUR CONSIDERATIONS OF INTEREST AND CON-
SISTENT WITH SOME OF YOUR VIEWS.

BECAUSE OF THE MANY FRANK DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE
HAD, I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW. HOWEVER,
YOU ALSO KNOW WHY WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE
STRATEGY WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING OFFERS THE ONLY
REALISTIC HOPE OF SUSTAINED MOVEMENT TOWARD A JUST
AND DURABLE PEACE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE
INTERESTS OF ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS. IF
MISUNDERSTANDINGS SHOULD COME BETWEEN US, THEY
COULD UNDO THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AND
DISRUPT THE FUTURE PROGRESS WHICH I AM MORE
CONFIDENT THAN EVER BEFORE LIES AHEAD.

I AM ALSO CONCERNED, AS I TOLD FOREIGN
MINISTER KHADDAM IN NEW YORK, THAT THE UNDER-
STANDABLE IMPATIENCE AND FRUSTRATION IN THE ARAB
WORLD WOULD UNDERMINE THE GROWING SUPPORT WHICH
TOWARD PEACE AND AVOID ANOTHER CONFLAGRATION
WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE INTERESTS OF
THE U.S. AS WELL AS THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF
THE AREA.

P AM GLAD THAT YOU AGREE THAT A MEETING AT
SOME POINT WOULD BE USEFUL. IN THE INTERIM WE
VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH YOU IN DECIDING UPON THE MOST EFFECTIVE
MEANS OF MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IN HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO
FIND A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME FOR A MEETING
BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT FORD. SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE
CLEARLY IN THE INTEREST OF MUTQAL UNDERSTANDING
AND THE ATTAINMENT OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER."
END TEXT OF MESSAGE.
KISSINGER
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 248535

UNQUOTE
INGERSOLL

SECRET

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, FOREIGN RELATIONS, CAT-C, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, SUMMIT MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE248535
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ERABPNGTON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: N750005-0291
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751041/aaaabkcc.tel
Line Count: 109
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 AUG 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <20 AUG 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO PRESIDENT ASAD SECRET SECTO 16045
TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, US, SY, (ASAD, HAFIZ), (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (FORD, GERALD R)
To: TUNIS
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006